

WHAT'S NEW IN YOUTH SERVICES FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADE



J/ALL

[Gilda Joyce: The Dead Drop](#) by Jennifer Allison

Almost fifteen year-old psychic investigator Gilda Joyce interns for the summer at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., and solves a mystery involving national security. (Mystery)

J/F/BEA

[Tumtum & Nutmeg : Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall](#) by Emily Bearn

Wealthy, married mice, Tumtum and Nutmeg, find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent-minded inventor father. (Action and Adventure)



J/BOI

[The Princess Plot](#) by Kristen Boie

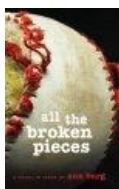
Believing that she is on a film set after auditioning and winning the role of a princess, fourteen year-old Jenna becomes the unsuspecting pawn in a royal conspiracy. (Action and Adventure)



J/BRO

[Masterpiece](#) by Elise Broach

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (Mystery)



J/BUR

[All the Broken Pieces](#) by Ann Burg

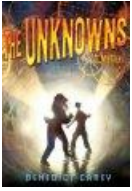
Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past. Told in verse.



J/BYR

[Doc Wilde and the Frogs of Doom](#) by Tim Byrd

Twelve year-old Brian, ten year-old Wren, and their father, Doc Wilde, risk their lives in a South American rainforest as they seek the eldest member of their famous family of adventurers, Grandpa, amidst a throng of alien frogs.



J/CAR

The Unknowns: A Mystery by Benedict Carey

When people start vanishing from a trailer park next to the Folsom Energy Plant, two eleven year-olds investigate using mathematical clues that were hastily planted by their friend Mrs. Clarke before she disappeared. (Mystery)



J/FER

Jemma Hartman, Camper Extraordinaire by Brenda Ferber

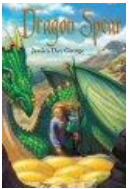
Jemma Hartman knows that her first summer at beautiful Camp Star Lake is going to be amazing. There will be swimming, sailing, and overnight trips – not to mention her best friend, Tammy, who moved away a year ago. But when Tammy’s cousin, Brooke, decides to come to camp as well, Jemma’s perfect summer starts to crumble. (Friendship)



J/FRE

Operation Redwood by S. Terrell French

In northern California, Julian Carter-Li and his friends, old and new, fight to save a grove of redwoods from an investment company that plans to cut them down.



J/DAY

Dragon Spear by Jessica Day George

Creel's adventures continue when she, her brother, and her betrothed travel across the seas to visit their dragon friends. They become involved in a battle against an alien group of dragons that has kidnapped Queen Velika, endangering her and her expected litter of hatchlings. (Fantasy)

J/GOL

Den of Thieves by Julia Golding

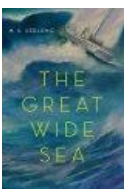
Asked to become a spy while living a public life as a ballerina, Cat accepts the challenge and leaves the Theater Royal behind. Suddenly she finds herself in the heart of revolutionary Paris where she must work to save her friends who have been declared traitors and are being held captive for their crimes. (Historical Fiction)



J/HEL

Crows & Cards by Joseph Helgerson

In 1849, Zeb's parents ship him off to St. Louis to become an apprentice tanner, but the naive twelve year-old rebels, casts his lot with a cheating riverboat gambler, while a slave and an Indian medicine man try to get Zeb back on the right path. (Historical Fiction)



J/HER

The Great Wide Sea by M. H. Herlong

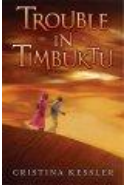
Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure. (Action and Adventure)



J/HOR

[The Switch](#) by Anthony Horowitz

When wealthy, spoiled, thirteen-year-old Tad Spencer wishes he were someone else, he awakens as Bob Snarby, the uncouth, impoverished son of carnival workers, and as he is drawn into a life of crime he begins to discover truths about himself and his family. (Fantasy)



J/KES

[Trouble in Timbuktu](#) by Cristina Kessler

Twelve year-old Ayisha ignores her parents' wishes, as well as the customary place of women in Timbuktu society, and joins her twin brother in trying to stop a pair of tourists from stealing an ancient manuscript. (Action and Adventure)

J/KHA

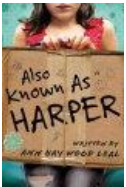
[Wanting Mor](#) by Rukhsana Khan

Based on a true story, Jameela, a young girl living in war-torn Afghanistan, must struggle to find her place in the world after her mother dies and she is moved to Kabul with her drunken father where she clashes with her mean stepmother and ends up in an orphanage run by the same army who was responsible for killing members of her family.

J/LAU

[Oracles of Delphi Keep](#) by Victoria Laurie

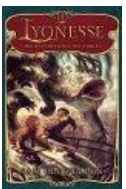
In 1938, three orphans--Theo, Carl, and Ian, ages ten to thirteen--lead three teachers through a portal that takes them from Dover, England, to Morocco in their quest to locate six silver boxes before the ancient prophecies therein are found by the evil Demogorgon's offspring. (Fantasy)



J/LEA

[Also Known as Harper](#) by Ann Haywood Leal

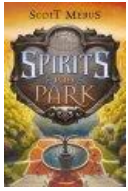
Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care for her brother while their mother works. Things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly disabled woman.



J/LLE

[The Well Between the Worlds](#) by Sam Llewellyn

Eleven-year-old Idris Limpet, living with his family in the once noble but now evil and corrupt island country of Lyonesse, finds his life taking a dramatic turn when, after a near-drowning incident, he is accused of being allied to the feared sea monsters and is rescued from a death sentence by a mysterious and fearsome stranger. (Fantasy)



J/MEB

[Spirits in the Park](#) by Scott Mebus

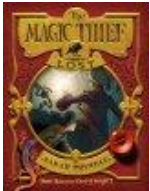
As Rory continues his mission in Mannhattan, a spirit realm filled with strange creatures that exists alongside modern-day New York City, he discovers that his father, whom he never wants to see again, is the only hope for peace. (Fantasy)



J/POT

[Slob](#) by Ellen Potter

As the fattest kid in the entire middle school, 12-year-old Owen suffers from the way others treat him, but when he builds a television that looks into the past and begins to unravel strange mysteries, Owen finally gets a chance to see himself in a new way and begins to appreciate himself for the wonderful person he is--both inside and out.



J/PRI

[Lost](#) by Sarah Prineas

Young wizard's apprentice Connwaer travels to the city of Desh to find the source of the malevolent shadowmen who are plaguing Wellmet City. This is Book 2 in The Magic Thief series. (Fantasy)

J/TAR

[Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell in Love](#) by Lauren Tarshis

Unsure how to go about such a crazy task, Emma-Jean turns to her best friend, Colleen, for advice in asking Will to go to the seventh-grade dance with her, but Colleen worries that she may end up getting embarrassed if she goes through with it and so tries to figure out a way to change her mind with the help of a secret admirer

J/WES

[The Coastwatcher](#) by Elise Weston

While eleven year-old Hugh, his family, and his cousin Tom are spending the summer of 1943 on the South Carolina shore to escape the polio epidemic, Hugh uncovers clues that point to a German plot to sabotage a nearby naval base. (Historical Fiction)



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